



Reservoir Avenue Public Meeting Questions & Answers

Last Name	First Name	Question Asked	Answer Given
Jeffries	Alfred	Any turn signal at Roger Williams Avenue and Elmwood Avenue should have been anticipated. You need to get it done NOW!	Yes, we agree and there will be striping for a left-turn lane added this spring.
Jeffries	Alfred	Maybe RIDOT can explain why it took six months to get this meeting going?	Unfortunately, the bridge was closed as an emergency. The immediate safety of the traveling public took precedence and did not allow for the preferred schedule of outreach to be completed. RIDOT has been in touch with businesses, elected officials, Providence Public Works, Police and School Departments throughout this process. RIDOT met with officials, via Zoom, to provide all updated information available and to learn of their concerns. We then scheduled this public forum. We will provide timely updates to you and appreciate your input and questions. Please continue to reach out to us with any concerns.
Ankoma	Angie	What's the partnership with Commerce to support small businesses that have been impacted? All of the businesses near the bridge are minority-owned businesses. Not only were we impacted by the pandemic, as soon as we were able to reopen the bridge was closed. This has caused significant hardship.	The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) works closely with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation to share information regarding current projects and any impacted businesses. If you are a business owner that's experienced impact and have not had contact with the Commerce Corporation, you can forward your contact information and we will ensure they have your information. The Commerce Corporation has a variety of loan opportunities for businesses that believe they have been impacted by state construction projects.
Woods	Bernita	Can the traffic light on the corner of Roger Williams Avenue and Elmwood Avenue allow more time so traffic can empty out? The lines are way too long. And trying to get off the highway is a nightmare.	Thank you for your concern. We are modifying the traffic signal phasing this spring. We will continue to monitor the traffic and make modifications, as necessary.
Galloway	Cheryl	What is the timeframe of the bridge construction ending?	The entire project will be completed by December 2022, but RIDOT intends to reopen the bridge to traffic in fall of 2021.
Macz	Cindy	I live on Stadden Street. Could they put up speed limit signs on Rounds Avenue and Stadden Street? Many families with children and pets live on those streets, and we have seen an increase in vehicles driving at a very high speed since the bridge project started.	Rounds Avenue and Stadden Street are owned by the City of Providence. We have informed them of your concerns and the City of Providence Traffic Engineering Department will review them to see where speed limit signs may be needed.
Taylor	James	Can you put a left-turn signal at Roger Williams Avenue turning onto Elmwood Avenue going north?	Yes. Striping for a left-turn lane will be added this spring.
Taylor	James	Between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., a police detail would be helpful to move traffic along.	For the duration of the bridge closure, RIDOT is investigating a temporary traffic light to help alleviate traffic on streets owned by the City of Providence; the City's Traffic Engineering supports this improvement.
Taylor	James	Councilman Taylor asking about the possibility of a left hand signal going from Roger Williams Avenue and turning left going north on Elmwood Avenue Other question was a police detail on weekdays from 4pm to 6pm to direct traffic at the intersection of Narragansett Avenue and Roger Williams Avenue	Striping for a left-turn lane will be added this spring.
Taylor	James	From Councilman Taylor: What is going on with the Park Avenue Bridge? Are they going to close that?	Park Avenue Bridge will be closed in mid-spring.
Taylor	James	From Councilman Taylor: The only reason I ask about the Park Avenue Bridge is because people use that as a go around to get to Elmwood Avenue and Reservoir Avenue. Also I heard they are going to close the off ramp from Route 95 North at Exit 16 to Elmwood Avenue. Is that true as that will affect more traffic?	The Park Avenue project allows closures of I-95 NB Exit 16 to Route 10 North on a nightly basis between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Elmwood Avenue portion of the exit will remain open at all times. However during the day, the exit will be open.
Rosales	Juana	Can we put a left-turn signal at Roger Williams Avenue turning onto Elmwood Avenue going north?	RIDOT Traffic Engineers will review the traffic signals for adjustments.
Medina	Lisa	Not a question but a comment/opinion. I believe the engineers should focus on the intersection of Roger Williams Avenue and Narragansett Avenue. People block the intersection and do not allow people cross.	For the duration of the bridge closure, RIDOT is investigating a temporary traffic light to help alleviate traffic on streets owned by the City of Providence; the City's Traffic Engineering supports this improvement.
Creps	Ryan	Is it possible to get a detour from I-95 to Route 10 to get to Reservoir Avenue in order to cut down on traffic on Roger Williams Avenue?	This would be confusing to communicate to motorists on I-95.
Creps	Ryan	How can we make Narragansett Avenue safer for students who are walking along the street after school when there is a lot of traffic?	Currently, speed bumps exist on Narragansett Avenue to mitigate speeding. We would suggest contacting the City of Providence Traffic Engineering to offer safety concerns you experience. Please contact Nate Urso at nurso@providenceri.org for more information.
Cogean	Sharon	Has there been any thought process for the traffic during high traffic time for Narragansett Avenue and Roger Williams Avenue? The traffic is horrendous and goes from Elmwood Avenue over the Roger Williams Avenue bridge down Reservoir Avenue and then the intersection of Narragansett Avenue. There is nothing but a big traffic jam.	For the duration of the bridge closure, RIDOT is investigating a temporary traffic light to help alleviate traffic on streets owned by the City of Providence; the City's Traffic Engineering supports this improvement.
Cogean	Sharon	It would be nice to have a light at the bottom of Roger Williams Avenue and Narragansett Avenue. Is that possible?	For the duration of the bridge closure, RIDOT is investigating a temporary traffic light to help alleviate traffic on streets owned by the City of Providence; the City's Traffic Engineering supports this improvement.
Healey	Sydney	Are there plans to include bike lanes when the bridge re-opens? Additionally, is there a way to make it safer (either via bike lanes or barriers) to follow the detour? Coming by bike down Narragansett Avenue, turning left onto Roger Williams Avenue, and then attempting to turn left onto Elmwood Avenue is extremely dicey, even by car, and all the more so by bike.	There are no plans to include bike lanes as part of this project.
Healey	Sydney	Is there a reason there are no current plans to include bike lanes when the bridge reopens?	This project is for the reconstruction of the bridge structure. The road is owned by the City of Providence.
Healey	Sydney	The idea floated (regarding a left-hand turn signal for those turning left onto Elmwood Avenue from Roger Williams Avenue) would help significantly in the bike safety department.	Striping for a left turn will be added this spring.
Vargas	Vianca	When can we expect the bridge to be open?	A portion of the bridge will be open by the end of 2021.
Vargas	Vianca	I'm confused. The demolition is from spring until December 2021? But the bridge will be open by the end of 2022?	A portion of the bridge will be open by the end of 2021. The whole bridge will be completed by 2022.
Creps	Ryan	My question is, after the completion of the bridge would RI DOT be willing to put a sidewalk in the grassy area southwest of the bridge where the students have worn a path in the grass?	This area is privately owned, however there is a sidewalk that runs along that area.